GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of irregularities in various works in Kamalapuram (M), YSR Kadapa District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charges framed against Sri G.Surendranath, former EE, PRID, Kadapa, now retired - Charge proved in the inquiry –Inquiry report communicated – Show cause Notice - Imposing a penalty of withholding 5% of Pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of loss for an amount Rs.2,56,748/- (Rupees Two lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight only) – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 374 Dated: 20-05-2025

Read the following:

1.Vigilance Report No.27 (C.No.508/V&E/E1/2013), dated 31.10.2014 of DG, V&E.
2.G.O.Rt.No.711, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.17.07.2015.
3.Sri G.Surendranath, former EE, PRID, Kadapa, now retired, WSD, dt.29.08.2018.
4.G.O.Rt.No.561, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.28.08.2019.
5.G.O.Rt.No.580, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.3.10.2020.
6.G.O.Rt.No.444, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.09.08.2021.
7.D.O.Lr.No.59/COI-KVR/2021, dated 31.01.2023 of Member, COI, GA Dept.
8.Govt.Memo No.20190/Vig.II/2014-2, dated 15.04.2023.
9.Sri G.Surendranath, former EE, PRID, Kadapa, now retired, Representation, dated 24.05.2023.
10.Lr.No.Vig(4)/752/2015, dated 29.11.2024 of ENC, PR.
11.Govt. Memo No.20190/Vig.II/2014-30, dated 12.02.2025.
12.Sri G.Surendranath, former EE, PRID, Kadapa, now retired, Representation, dt.18.03.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has furnished Vigilance Report, dt.31.10.2014, on the allegation of irregularities in the works executed under various grants viz., Rajiv Palle Bata, ACDP, MPLADS, MGNREGS, ZP General funds, APSFC., ZP Seigniorage Grant, MP Rs.8/- per capita, MP Woman and Child Welfare, MP ST Welfare, RRM and TFC in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District, and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, among others for committing certain irregularities execution of works besides recovery amount proportionately from the officers concerned/executive agencies/self help groups among other recommendations.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri

G.Surendranath, former EE, PRID, Kadapa, now retired, among eight (8) others, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

Charge:

Sri G.Surendranath, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, presently working as I/c.Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kurnool District has committed irregularities in execution of works sanctioned under various grants in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District and failed to discharge his legitimate duties and allowed the substandard execution of work with malafide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer in violation of Rule 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, has submitted his written statement of defence, dt.29.08.2018 for taking further action. After examination of the matter and having not satisfied the written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officer and eight (8) other COs, Government have appointed Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS (Retired), Commissioner of Inquiries to conduct regular enquiry into the charges framed against Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired and eight (8) others and also appointed Presenting Officer, under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980, vide reference 4th read above and Inquiry Officer was changed from time to time vide references 5th and 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department has submitted inquiry report, dt.31.01.2023, wherein, the Inquiry Authority has held the charge framed against charged officer, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, as proved.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, as per Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, among others.

6. In the reference 9th read above, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired has submitted his representation and stated that the Executive Engineer invariably check-measure all the works costing Rs.5.00 Lakhs above and works cost below 5.00 Lakhs not come under the purview of the Executive Engineer and also stated that all the works were completed by 2010. The Vigilance & Enforcement inspected the works after 2 years. All works are taken up with temporary measures to make convenient to the public to safe traffic facility. As per rules in force the defect liability period is prescribed by the Government is 2 years after completion of the works. In this case, there is no defect liability period as the works are sanctioned under NREGS, providing employment to agriculture labour only. Not to create assets. Hence, the allegation made by

Vigilance & Enforcement after 4 years is not correct. Therefore, he has requested to drop the charge framed against him and issue clearance certificate as early as possible, as he was already retired on 31.07.2019.

7. Government have examined the matter and observed that as per the Vigilance Report, dt.31.10.2014, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, has allowed the substandard execution of works with mala fide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer. And as per his job chart, Charged Officer is responsible to prepare estimates scheduling, ensure quality, supervise and complete the works sanctioned in his jurisdiction in all sectors and schemes. After perusal of defence and records available, it is concluded that Charged Officer has not discharged his duties as per job chart and codal provisions. In view of the above reasons, the observation of Vigilance & Enforcement officials in report No.27, dated 31.10.2014 are sustained. As such, the contentions of G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, are devoid of merits.

8. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, has also recommended to recover/reject the amounts in respect of 84 works pertains to Irrigation and Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Departments respectively to a tune of Rs.72,30,330/- and also to recover the same from self help groups, if not recovered, it should be recovered from the concerned departmental officials proportionately. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, vide reference 10th read above, has informed that, Rs.40,695/- was recovered from the Executive Agencies till now for only three (3) work Nos.14, 59 and 60 and remaining amount couldn't be able to recover from them, even after elapse of 12 years. Further, he has also furnished the justification report for apportion of recovery amounts from the each Charged Officer as per their job role and responsibility, such as (i) ratio of apportion, (ii) Recovery amount for each work and the Charged Officer responsible, in a prescribed proforma for 83 works pertaining to the Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Departments.

9. After careful examination, Government have agreed with the above justification proposal for apportion of recovery amounts from the concerned Charged officers for the works they are responsible. Accordingly, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, is responsible for seven (07) works, wherein, he has allowed the substandard execution of works with mala fide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer. The following table showing (i) Sl.No. of work, (ii) ratio of apportion among Charged officers, (iii) amount already recovered from the Executive Agency, (iv) amount to be recovered in respect of above **CO-8** is as follows:

Sl. Number of works	Ration of apportion among Cos based on their responsibility	Amount recovered from the Executive Agencies concerned (in Rs.)	Amount to be recovered from **CO-8** (in Rs.):-
2,6,7,8, 9,10,11	CO-4:CO-6:**CO-8**=5:3:**2** (AE:DEE:**EE**)	0/-	2,56,748/-
Total No. of works: (7)	Total Amount	0/-	2,56,748/-

10. In Annexure-I, a statement showing viz., (i) Sl.No. of the work, (ii) Nomenclature of work; (iii) Grant; (iv) Name of Contractor /Agency; (v) Executing Agency (vi) V&E observations; (vii) Recoveries; (viii) Observations of V&E in Work; (ix) Rejected values (x) Recovery already effected; (xi) Remaining amount to be effected; (xii) Reasons for rejection; (xiii) COs figured against work in inquiry report; (xiv) to (xxiii) name of Charged Officer and apportioned amount workwise indicated against such Charged Officer, is herewith enclosed. In Annexure-II, the total (7) works for which the charged officer, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, is responsible also mentioned. Hence, an amount of Rs.2,56,748/- is apportioned to him, for recovery.

11. After careful examination of the matter, Government have taken a provisional decision to withhold 5% of Pension for a period of two (2) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of Rs.2,56,748/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight only) against Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired. Accordingly, in the reference 11th read above, a show-cause notice along with above two annexures was communicated to Charged Officer for his representation, if any, on the above provisional decision of the Government.

12. In the reference 12th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired, has submitted his representation and agreed with the punishment besides recovery amount proposed and requested to affect the recovery amount in single installment and also requested to release his pensionary benefits.

13. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby impose a penalty of withholding of 5% of pension for a period of two (2) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of Rs.2,56,748/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight only) against Sri G.Surendranath, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, now retired.

14. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly and to recover the above amount mentioned at para.13 above in a lump sum from the charged officer and send Action Taken Report to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G.Surendranath, former EE, PRID, Kadapa, now retired.
Through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, with a request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR,RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department.
SF/SC(921039).

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